

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 3 is amended herein. Claims 1, 2, and 4 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Claim 3 remains in the application. No new matter has been added. Following discussion regarding patentability of the claims is directed toward the claims as amended herein. Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

1. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER (OBJECTION TO CLAIM 3):

In item 3 on page 3 of the Office Action of 19 March 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040311) which will be referred to herein as Paper 20040311, claim 3 was objected to as "being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Applicant respectfully traverses the objection. However, to overcome the objection of Paper 20040311, claim 3 has been rewritten so as to include the limitations of its base claim as written prior to the present Amendment. There were no intervening claims. Thus, Applicant has overcome the objection of Paper 20040311, and claim 3 is allowable.

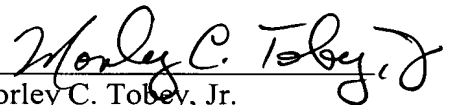
2. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, & 4 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

In item 2 on page 2 of Paper 20040311, claims 1, 2, and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Tomie, U.S. Patent Number 6,043,556 entitled "High-Frequency Input/Output Feedthrough and Package for Housing High-Frequency Semiconductor Element Using Same", hereinafter *Tomie*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. However, claims 1, 2, and 4 have been cancelled from the Application without prejudice.

3. CONCLUSION:

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that all claims pending in the Present Application as described above are allowable and that all other problems raised by the Examiner have been rectified. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider his rejections and to grant an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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